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For: IMAGE PROCESSING) : March 7, 2007
APPARATUS AND METHOD,)
COMPUTER PROGRAM, AND)
COMPUTER-READABLE)
STORAGE MEDIUM)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37C.F.R. §1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed Japanese document is enclosed, along with an English Abstract.

This document may be pertinent because it was cited in a Office Action issued in a counterpart Japanese patent application on January 29, 2007. A copy of the Office Action is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

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